Sunday, 2026 November 29th



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To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin & Sunday Mass link, click **AddMe** to be added to the Parish Email List.

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am
Additional Masses on Wednesdays & 1st Fridays: 7:00pm
Sundays: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm
Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

RECONCILIATION

6:00- 6:45pm before Wednesday 7pm Mass or appointment.

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It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass
Tuesday, December 8th, 9am and 7pm

St. John of the Cross Feast Day Celebration
Saturday, December 12th, 5pm

Parish Advent Reconciliation
Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00pm

Christmas Candlelight Carol Service
Sunday, December 20th, 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24th
4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 10pm, and 12Midnight

Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25th
10am and 12pm

New Year's Eve Mass
Thursday, December 31st
4pm and 6pm

Mary, Mother of God Mass (New Year's Day)
Friday, January 1st, 10am and 12pm



In this 1st Sunday of Advent, we light the 1st purple candle, symbolizing hope.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER AT HOME

Lighting of the 1st Candle

The 1st candle is lit, followed by the prayer.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in hope when He comes. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are running their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest on Dec. 13th from 11am to 2:30pm at the Church.

Children will compete in one of 5 age categories: Kindergarten, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6 and Grade 7-8.

11x17 inch poster paper will be provided. Please bring your own colouring supplies. One parent must stay with their child. Soft drinks and pizza will be provided to the participating children.

Register using the link:
https://forms.gle/8JbXGnzH3ydfW1mS7 OR

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Along the Mystical Carmelite Way ....

Advent calls us into the darkness of winter to wait for the coming Light. For the great Carmelite mystics, this season speaks to them of their lived experience of faith – the tension between absence and presence, longing and fulfilment, darkness and the promise of dawn. Their writings offer us a contemplative path through these weeks of expectation.

Teresa's Longing Heart

St Teresa of Ávila knew something of holy longing. Her autobiography and spiritual writings pulse with desire for union with God, yet she also understood that much of the spiritual life involves learning to wait in love. In The Interior Castle, she describes the soul's journey through seven mansions toward intimate union with God, but she emphasises that we cannot force our way into the inner chambers. We can only prepare ourselves and wait for God's invitation. Teresa writes in her Meditations on the Song of Songs: "Oh, how long the wait seems to the soul when it sees what must still be suffered in the absence of its Beloved!" This captures Advent's essential character – the soul's deep cry for the Beloved who seems delayed. Teresa teaches us that this very longing is itself a form of prayer, a way of making space within ourselves for God's coming. Advent invites us not to anxious striving but to the cultivation of desire, to letting our hearts expand with longing for the One who comes.

Please include in your prayers the RCIA Adults and Children who will be participating in the Rite of Acceptance/Rite of Welcome this Saturday, November 28th at the 5pm Mass and our children who just received their Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation this week.





2026—2027 Sunday Missal is now available at the Parish Office for $5. *Get your copy!*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 30, 9am
1. For the Repose of Graciana Reis, requested by Chris Fernandes
2. For the Repose of Priscilla Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family
3. For the Birthday Blessings of Ross Barsey, requested by the Chaves Family
4. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Hubert & Vicky Bustos
5. For Special Blessings on Nadine, Adrian & Max, requested by the Family
6. For the Repose of Januario Alejandro, requested by the Alejandro Family

Tuesday, December 1, 9am
1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Adele McSheffrey, requested by the Benjamin Family
2. For the Repose of Ricardina Fernandes, requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 2, 7pm
1. For the Repose of Jacob Abulbire and Gomez Anabila, requested by Vivian Awuni

Thursday, December 3, 9am
1. For the Repose of Lawrence Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. For the Repose of Alice Lewis, requested by Valerian & Blanche Lewis
3. For the Repose of Sixto De Leon Jr., requested by the Family

Friday, December 4, 9am
1. For the Repose of Ida Maria Antao-Lewis, requested by the Nicholson Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Theodore Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
3. For the Repose of Loyola Fernandes, requested by Lionel, Pearl & Irene

Friday, December 4, 7pm
1. For the Repose of Aspulketa Rodrigues, requested by Nicolette Fernandes
2. For the Repose of Andrew Fernandes, requested by Nicolette & Florence

Saturday, December 5, 9am
1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Ryan Desouza, requested by the Desouza Family
2. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory & Unborn Babies, requested by the Chaves Family
3. For the Repose of Rosario Fernandes, requested by Gabriel Fernandes
4. For the Birthday Blessings of Irene, requested by the Fernandes Family

Saturday, December 5, 5pm
1. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Kristel Fernandes, requested by Gyles, John & Sabrina
2. For the Repose of Rosario Fernandes, requested by Gabriel Fernandes
3. For the Repose of David, Mary Mercer & Sons, requested by the Mercer Family
4. For the Repose of Gerald Coutinho, requested by the Coutinho Family
5. For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by the Ayson Family

Sunday, December 6, 12pm
1. For the Repose of Sixto De Leon, Requested by the Family
2. In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Editha Valera Dela Cruz, requested by the Alegado & Pajaro Families

Sunday, December 6, 4pm
1. For the Intentions of all Parishioners

MINISTRY OF CARE - DATE CHANGE

If you use a pyx to bring Holy Communion to the sick or homebound, please join us for an important meeting on:

Tuesday, January 26, at 7pm, Hall

During this gathering, we will discuss new guidelines, update parish records, and hold a special blessing of pyxes. These guidelines will be relevant to everyone, even those who cannot attend.

Kindly bring your pyx.

SPIRITUS
Western Region

Bowling Fellowship
for Young Adults
Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 6:30pm



CHURCH

Mon	Nov 30	Senior Choir 6:45-8:45pm
Tues	Dec 1	Joyful Worship Choir 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 2	JC Band 8:00pm
Thurs	Dec 3	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 5	Children's Choir 10:00-11:30am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

Wed	Dec 2	PPTC Crafts 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs	Dec 3	Baptism Prep Course 7:00pm
Fri	Dec 4	Confirmation Prep. NCS 6:00pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Nov 30	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tues	Dec 1	Line Dancing 1:00-3:00pm
Tues	Dec 1	Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Wed	Dec 2	CIC 6:00pm
Wed	Dec 2	Digital Faith Connecting 7:00pm
Thurs	Dec 3	Digital Faith Connecting 4:30pm
Sat	Dec 5	Men's Fraternity 6:00-8:30pm
Sat	Dec 5	K of C Christmas Party 6:00pm
Sun	Dec 6	Alpha Program 6:00-8:00pm

BASEMENT CARMEL A ROOM

Tues	Dec 1	K of C Exec Meeting 7:00pm
Wed	Dec 1	Sacramental Prep 6:30pm
Thurs	Dec 3	K of C 7:00pm
Sun	Dec 6	Life Teen 1:00-3:00pm

BASEMENT LISIEUX ROOM

Mon	Nov 23	Senior Choir 6:45-8:45pm
Fri	Nov 27	GPS Kids Bible Study 7:00pm
Sat	Nov 28	Confirmation Session 10:00am

We thank the 3rd Order Lay Carmelites for hosting the Coffee Sunday after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Photos with Santa this weekend, November 28th & 29th. Call the office for available time slots!

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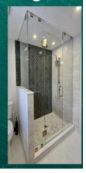

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